## IETROPOLIS OF MONTCALM

City of Greenville, the Most Picturesque Town in Central Michigan.

## IT IS AMERICA'S GREATEST INTERIOR POTATO MARKET

Contiguous to Two Great Railway Systems, Possessed of Manufacturing, Agricultural, Horticultural, Stock-Raising and Water Power Facilities That Would be a Credit to a City of 25,000 People.

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PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES.

It is a proud distinction for any town

Middleton's Milling Interes

Foremost among Greenville's industrial institutions is that of the milling plant of E. Middleton & Sons, the largest institution of the kind in Michi-

has been from infancy familiar with flouring mills. In 1848 he came to America and established a mill in New

York.

The Middleton mills today comprise a group of buildings, the largest of a group of buildings, the largest of a group of feet upon the ground,

a group of buildings, the largest of which is 60x20 feet upon the ground, five stories high. It contains twenty-one frames for rolls and three runs of stones. It is equipped with the latest improved machinery of every class and kind which is known to subserve any useful purpose in the production of the best results known to modern scientific milling. The cause.

tion of the charter of the First National bank of the city in 1891. Through it the immense transactions of the firm, amounting to thousands of dollars every day, are conducted. The trade of this firm is almost wholely in Great Britain. The product of the merchant mill has been marketed in Europe exclusively for many years. Edward Middleton, head of the firm, makes an annual journey abroad, vinting and selling direct to his customers without patronising factors. In this way he has

Greenville trots in fast company and speck-and-neck with the best of them. To towns of her size can boast greater runnetry of form, alacrity of movement or spirit of ambition than she, he has known a vigorous growth, has spt fully up to the times in all that grains to urban life and development. tains to urban life and development ington, as raw material, which is sold as finished product, every pound of it, in Great Britain. Her railway connections in northern Michigan enable her to gather her forest product at rates as low as those enjoyed by any river or lake town, while her finished product may be as speedily placed in the Chicago or New York market as though her factories were in the suburbs of those cities. nd is destined to be a winner coming down the home stretch of the century. Carrying the equine smalle still farther, Greenville possesses the affection and confidence of those who have her management in hand. They have pared her with other towns and found her to possess all of the redrawbacks, and with a handsome margin of peculiar advantages to be set down to her credit. She has had from the first a vigorous growth. She has a roes of them, with few of their congenial climate, a prolific soil and immunity from disease. Her progress Greenville, America's Greatess Potate has been one of successive triumphs It is a proud distinction for any town or city to lead America in the production of any given commodity. Especially were one universally demanded by all civilized people and capable of production. To this advantage was added to these first ater power in the state. With the possession of probably the best rater power in the state. With the agree of time was added to these first ater railway facilities, and, one after potter, all the necessary accessories or the enjoyment of the highest tandard of riving. Today she is a city of 5,000 people, all prosperous and consider, possessing schools, churches and benevolent institutions surpassed to no city in the country.

Metropolis of Montealm.

Greenville is emphatically a beautiful town. Her streets are regularly adds 5 to 10 cents per bushel to the value of the commodity. Vaugha, the greatest seed man in America, with one exception, draws his supplies of seed potatos." What from the first. She began by holding a prominent position in the lumber market, having been established by John Green in 1844, in the choicest pine belt of Michigan. During the rise of 5,000 people, all prosperous and con-tented, possessing schools, churches and benevolent institutions surpassed y no city in the country.

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A conservative estimate of the potative land. She is surrounded by a rich the land. She is surrounded by a rich agricultural and horticultural district, and is recognized as one of the leading market towns of Michigan. She is the greatest potato market in the world.

Greenville is the metropolis of Montalim county. The town is located upon Flat River, which affords at this point the finest water power in the state. She has two lines of railway, one connecting her direct with the seaboard. Her schools are graded to fit pupils for the state university. She is provided with both gas and electric lighting systems and enjoys—a boon denied most cities—an inexhaustable.

Middleton's Milling Interests. pupils for the state university. She is provided with both gas and electric lighting systems and enjoys—a boon denied most cities—an inexhaustable supply of pure spring water. Her fire department is one of the most complete

and effectual in the state. Matters of Manufacture. Greenville stready has a very large smount of manufacturing. Her flouring industry is represented by the largest institution of the kind in Michigan. She has about completed one of the finest plants for the manufacture of refrigerators in the west, while the general wood and iron industries are well represented. She could, however, profitably maintain a mich larger manufacturing interest than she has. The flourishing condition of those The flourishing condition of those which she has abundantly prove this. She is able to extend to enterprises advantages which would be mutually beneficial to herself and to new enter-Aside from the innumerable dvantages for such industries which nil small towns possess—such as eco-nomical living, cheap homes, health-fulness, religious and educational opportunities—she has unusual rail-way facilities and is offering special in-ducements. She enjoys the same rail-way rates to and from all points which are accorded to Grand Rapids. She has direct access by rail and water to all way rates to and from all points which are accorded to Grand Rapids. She has direct access by rail and water to all western and northwestern points, while to eastern and seaboard points she has the advantages of direct communication by way of a great trunk line system. Through the medium of the C. & W. M., and allied systems she is directly in touch with the great tunber districts of Michigan, which range along its west shore and throughout its interior. She is directly gency use. on range along its west shore and oghout its interior. She is directly sected by rail with all the great translake navigation companies. Her merchandise and products are taken directly to the steamer docks at Mus-legon and at rates as low as take ports engoy, there transferred to Chicago, Milwaukee, Duluth and all east and f any western city. To the east she connected by a direct route, the Trunk system, with all New of and seaboard cities, and for-

facilities, with a steam plant for emergency use.

These immense institutions occupy a conspicuous position in the heart of the city, upon the water front of Flat river, their source of power. Adjacent to them are the usual compliments of warehouses, train sheds, etc., etc. The premises are traversed by railway and are connected with the great Grand Trunk system. Upon the same premises is located E. Middleton & Son's bank. The latter is one of the solidest institutions in the state, and does a large business in general foreign and inland exchange and deposit. The institution was founded upon the expiration of the charter of the First National bank of the city in 1891. Through it

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Edward Muddleton has been for many years foremost in the develop-ment of the industries of central Michment of the industries of central Michigan. It is largely through his effort that Greenville enjoys her present superior railway facilities. He is a director in the Grand Trunk branch known as the Toledo, Saginaw & Mackinaw railway, and prominently interested in other railway projects. Until the expiration of the charter of the First National bank of Greenville he was president of that institution.

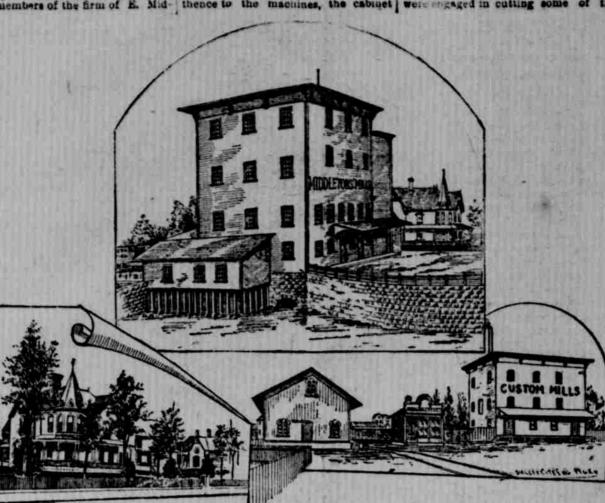
Sturtevnat heater, lighted by an electric plant of its own of 300 incandescent light capacity, protected from fire by standpipes of its own, a monstrous reservoir is its factory tower, the city system and powerful pumps in the engine room. The machine rooms are abundantly lighted, ventilated, freed from dust and provided with close rooms, closets and lavasories. The kilne have a capacity of 70,000 feet of timber. The arrangement of the factory is such as Until the expiration of the charter of the First National bank of Greenville he was president of that institution.

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200 horse power capacity, heated by a but will become the foremost institu-Stortevnat heater, lighted by an tion of its kind in Michigan. Riverside Park. During the days of the greatest ac-

tivity in lumber transactions of Michigan no firm was better known, and few had greater interests involved in its manufacture than Johnson Brothers. At that time they were owners and operators of mills both in Michigan and Wisconsin, and were engaged in the manufacture of lumber, lath, shing les



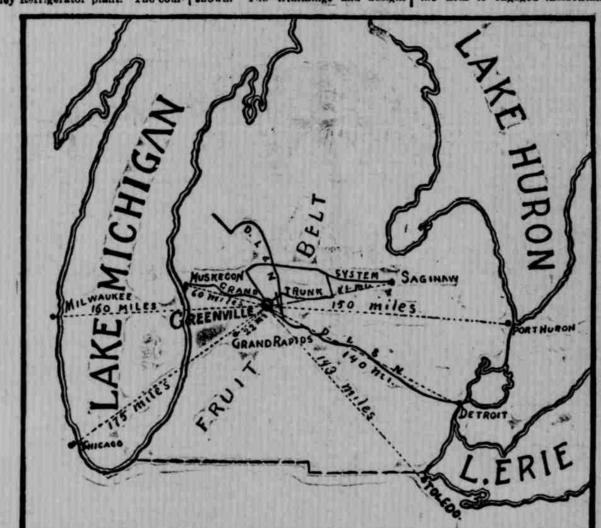
The Middleton Mills and Residences.

dleton & Sons are: Edward Middleton, general manager, and Charles W. and A. W. The sons take the burden of the detail of the business upon themselves, buying wheat in the west and superintending the plant alternately. The firm owns the entire water power of Flat river, one of the finest, if not indeed the finest, in Michigan. Adjoining the mills are the residences of the members of the firm, that of E. Middleton being a stately monument to modern architecture.

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With the decadence of the lumber business the firm, now possessed of an adequate competency to permit of luxurious idleness for their remaining days, disposed of their manufacturing interests. They retained, however, extensive holdings of real estate. Their indeed the finest, in Michigan. Adjoining the mills are the residences of the mark name of "Lapland" products. The sim will be to present a better article than has heretofore been put upon the market. To do this oak will be substituted for all other woods, while the metalic inside work and the wall and compartment construction will be far in advance of anything heretofore shown. The trimmings and designs the firm is engaged incidentally in



Greenville Transportation Lines.

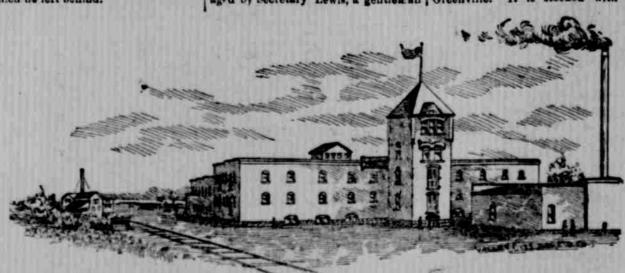
pany takes its name from Mr. F. E. | will be of experior artistic merit. Ranney, its president and general manager, formerly the moving spirit of Belding's most important industries. He comes to his new field of operations fresh from the successful management of institutions of similar character, in which he distinguished himself for in-trepid valor and rare business sagacity. In coming to this newer and broader field, he takes in hand a superior plant and, with maturer judgment, will carry it to an industrial prominence far beyond the possibilities of the plants which he left behind.

The catalogue of the firm, now already in the hands of the trade, presents an array of beautiful designs and artistic creations never before shown in such a publication. Already the office is over-run with orders for these goods. The Ranney company is a corpora-tion, organized in 1892. Its officer and President, F. E. Ranney; vice presi-

W. D. Johnson was one of the charter members of the City National bank and president of that organization for five years. He is also treasurer of the

Ranney Refrigerator company and a holder of stock in the Gordon Hollow Blast Grate company. The interest of the firm at the present time centers in Riverside park, one of the most perfectly appointed and stocked farms in Michigan. Eight hundred acres are included in the farm, part of which lies within the corporate limits of dent, C. T. Ranney; secretary.

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The Ranney Refrigerator Plant.

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grates, which, under certain condi-tions, tend to become more or less ob-structed by the deposit of solid matter. This is especially true where "culmi" or "sisck" is used as fuel.

The flanged biast pipe that enters the side wall of the furnace and extends across the ash pit, underneath the back and of the grates, as shown in the il-lustration, is of cast iron. As will be seen, it is made up of short toes and sections securely boiled together. Each tee is carefully fitted in the lathe so that its length corresponds exactly Our broad mares are a choice lot individually, many producing dame and dams with records are represented. Our facilities for keeping stock are unsurpassed, and every attention is given them that could be desired.

Our young stock has been bred with great care, in the most fashionable breeding lines.

We breed to sell, and any animal at Riverside Park will be priced upon application. Correspondence is solicited, and visiting borsemen will be made welcome op any week day, when our stock will be shown with pleasure.

Mares being bred to our stallions will be kept during the season for \$1.00 per week. We will not, however, be responsible for any accidents or escapes. Riverside Park contains a fine reguistion half mile track.

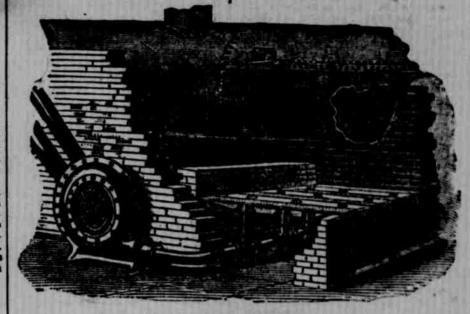
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The first sweep of vision which the traveler surveys upon alighting at the railway station at Greenville, are these enigmatic sentences displayed in bold lettering acroes the front of a huge brick factory building: "Do You Lack Steam? We Can Help You." The building is that of the Gordon Hollow Blast Grate company, and the assuring import of the inscription relates to the efficacy of the Gordon rate in forcing the combustion of green sawdust, tanbark and other non-combustable fuels.

The plant of the institution is one of the imposing structures of Green-ille, and in its dimensions, general appearance and purpose would be a credit to any city. It is fitted with a complete complement of the latest improved machinery, and is devoted to



Gordon Grate in Position.

the production of one of the most valuable inventions of modern mechanica. The business is conducted under the firm name of the Gordon Hollow Grate company, a corporation. Its officers are: President, R. F. Sprague: vice-president, E. J. Gordon; secretary and treasurer, T. J. Potter. These, with C. W. Johnson, constitute the board of directors. The firm was incorporated in March 1890, and is now supplying 200 furnaces annually. It owns patents for Canada and the United States, and distributes its commodity States, and distributes its commodity to every section of the two countries.

Gordon Hollow Blast Grate. For a full and complete understanding of this valuable invention, both in its construction and operation, the reader is referred to the accompany-ing cuts. The Gordon Grate is a hollow



The Tuyere.

the furnace for which it is to be used. Regular lengths are 36. 42, 48, 54, 60, 66 and 72 inches. These are kept in stock; others are made to order. An air chamber having a transverse area 3; by 6 inches extends throughout the body of the grate. This affords ample space for the passage of a volume of air sufficient to sustain combustion in

the furnace. See fig. 4.

From three to five flaring, funnel-shaped openings are cast in the heavy



Flue-Cross Section.

upper surface, or top, of the grates. These are afterwards carefully bored and reamed to a uniform size for the reception of the heavy lid-shaped valve with which each opening is litted. As shown in fig. 4, these lid-shaped valves are provided with a reries of circumferential notches through which, when in position, the compressed air escapes to fan the furnace fires. At the bottom of each opening a strong seat is The stock is a provided for the support of the valve; I tonian strains

grates we have burned every bushel of sawdust without difficulty, and this, with a few edgings right from the saw, has given us all the steam we had nee for. We are now piling up about 300 cords of slabs per month, which readily sell for \$1.00 a cord, making us a net saving of about \$300 per month, all of which we give your hollow blast grates the credit for."

The Wright Interests reader is referred to the accompanying cuts. The Gordon Grate is a hollow Situated upon a gentle emminence, cast section, closed at the ends. It is within the city limits of Greenville, to usually 8 inches in width by 5 inches the south, overlooking the picturesque in depth. In length it is made to fit and fertile valley of Flat river, is the luxurious home of C. T. Wright, principles. cipal owner and moving spirit of the four large industries of the city which bear the Wright name. Surrounding the residence site and stretching away in gentle undulations to the opposite crest of the valley are the broad acres of the Wright stock farm. The stables, paddocks and pastures of the farm comprise a tract of 250 acres. The stock of this institution tures of the farm comprises a tract of 250 acres. The stock of this institution comprises some of the best bred stock of Michigan production. The head of the stud is S. J. Fletcher, No. 5.865, record 2:234, trial 2:18, by Hamtletonian Tramby, 3,969, size of eight in the 2:30 list, son of Edward Everett, 21, sire of thirteen trotters and twelve dams by Hambletonian 10, sire of forty-one trotters and seventy-three dams. Fletcher's dam, Eocket, No. 526, record 2:40. He is sire of Billy Fairplains, 3 years, 2:52, Elme Echo, 2 years, 2:49. Trial in 2:40.

S. J. Fistcher is a blood bay, black points, stands 16 hands high, a horse of the very highest finish, rangy and stylish, with plenty of substance, large, flat, strong hone and the very best of feet and legs; a pure gaited, natural trotter and wonderfully speedy.

Second in the stud is Gowan, No. 12:918. Dark bay, black points, stands 15 hands and 3 inches high, long mane and tail, fosled April 22, 1889, bred by G. & C. P. Cecil, Danville, Ky. Gowan is full-brother to Zadie Wilkes, 3 years old, record of 2:38. Sire is Gambetta Wilkes, 4 years old, record of 2:36. Gambetta has, at 10 years of age, seventeen colts in the 2:30 list, not one of them over 4 years old, and most of them are 2 or 3 years old.

The following noted brood mares are on the piace: Young Wilkes, Strathmore, Magna Charter, Menaios, Lewis Napoleon and others by Black Hawk's train.

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There are twenty-five head of young stock—fillies, stallion colts and geldings, principally bays, with black points. There are about fifty heads of young and choice stock on the place. The stock is all of Wilkes and Hambie-

